

### REMARKS

Claims 28-35 and 38-40 are pending in this application.

With this amendment, Claims 28-32 have been amended to further clarify what applicants have always regarded as their invention. Support for polypeptides "comprising" polypeptide variants is found in the specification at, for example, page 283, lines 2-27. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed and do not constitute new matter.

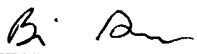
Claims 28-35 and 38-40 are pending after entry of the instant amendment. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled matter in subsequent continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application(s).

It is submitted that the present application is in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Although no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including any fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (referencing Attorney's Docket No. 39780-2830P1C42). Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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